

Manchester Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 3rd 2005
6:10—7:45 P.M.

Location: City Hall

Commissioners Present: Michael Poisson (Chair), Kathleen Neville, JoAnn O'Shaughnessy, Marty Gavin

Commissioners Absent: Todd Connors

Others Present: Pat Mattson, Cindy Nye, Jeff Buffin, Allen Yeaton, Dick Perron (PSNH)

Submitted By: Marty Gavin

~ Next Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 17th 2005 ~

Agenda

I. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from the October 20th meeting were approved with corrections made to the Treasurer's report, the Pointe at 55 Riverfront Dr., and Hackett Hill sections. The Revised version of these minutes can be found on the City's website, with the corrections in *italics*.

II. Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report given.

III. Old Business

- West Environmental: Mark West informed Mike that he has been working on the wetland project all along and that he has been sending in monthly statements to the City. Mark also indicated that he has found additional wetlands in the Hackett Hill area, and has already mapped them. He is scheduled to join us on December 1st and will discuss these topics at greater length.
- The Pointe at 55 Riverfront Dr.: Mike and JoAnn recently met with several City officials, including Rick Cantu, Terry Harlarcher, and Pam Gaucher, to discuss mitigation plans in this area, as well as with holding CO's. They came up with several requirements (see Pointe Mitigation memo 11/02/05) that will serve as minimum action that should be taken to begin restoration along the riverbank. Mike mentioned the discussion he had with Susan Duprie (the attorney for the Pointe) where they talked about the language in the easement documents and how it has to be approved by the City before we can accept the easement that they offered

us. He also mentioned that he noticed construction debris that has been dumped over the embankment and that the silt fences are still not up, as well as an invasive species (burning bush) that has been planted. Marty would like the record to show that these problems could have been avoided had GFI included the Conservation Commission, as indicated in the plans (see page 3 of the Pointe on 55 Riverfront Dr. plans).

- Hackett Hill: Patt Mattson followed up with the ATV usage in the area. She called Nault's directly and was told that they were using ATVs in the area but according to them they were only on PSNH's property.
- Parks & Rec.: Kathleen brought up the City's Parks and Rec. master plan and how we have not seen or heard anything about it for awhile. Pat mentioned that it is supposed to be out some time this Fall.

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IV. New Business

- PSNH: Dick Perron came in to discuss the PSNH project that will impact 505 sq ft of wetlands on Psnh Row, for their Scobie Pond and their Huse Road substations. The intention of this project is to upgrade the utility structures so they can handle more power. These structures will be 50' offset from the original structures and will be traversed to some time in February. According to Dave the time frame is critical, because they need to access this area by using snow mobiles and atvs until they have an established trail, strong enough for heavier equipment. This will be possible once ice has formed and they progressively pack the trail down. **The Commission voted all in favor to accept plans and to sign off on the project. However, the Commission is concerned with the tree cuttings that happened and JoAnn brought up the threat the new wires will pose on the Eagles in the area. Dick said to contact Dave Plante if we have any questions regarding line placement or tree removal.**
- Yeaton, Buffin, Nye: These three came in to discuss a property they are interested in purchasing with the intention of developing. The parcel is on Philips Glen and is approximately 12.1 acres, with some wetlands on site. They intend on impacting only 4½ acres, without impacting any wetlands. According to Allen Yeaton they would like to build seven houses and restore the existing home. He said that they would like to preserve the natural aspects of the site and that they are interested in giving us a 6½ acre conservation easement. **A site walk at this property will be conducted in the near future.**

V. Mail

- NHDES Correspondence: Standard Dredge and Fill application submitted by Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, for Lakeside Manufactured Home Park, dated October 19th 2005. DES file # 051013-01, Tax map 832 lot 26. Proposed wetland impact of 2,276 sq. ft.